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SLIDERS

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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Decision on Appeal dated November 19, 2004, please amend the application as follows.

The Claim Amendments begin on page 2.

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